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APPLICANTS: Long *et al.* CONFIRMATION NO.: 1043
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TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FAULT-TOLERANT
COMPUTING USING A SWITCHING FABRIC

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 18, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application, the Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Response.

The Applicants believe no fees are due with the present Amendment and Response. However, if any extension period or fee is required to have this Amendment and Response entered or considered, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension and authorization to charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.
- The Response begins on page 5 of this paper.